

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for maneuvering a vehicle having a wheel assembly, the apparatus comprising: an adjustable frame assembly adapted to be fitted to the wheel assembly, the frame assembly having first and second frame members telescopically connected to each other, ~~the second frame member having a plurality of longitudinally spaced holes~~, a lever connected to the frame assembly operable to contract the first and second frame members together and raise the wheel assembly ~~the first frame member~~, ~~the lever having a lower end pivotally connected to a plate member, the plate member having at least one finger extending into one of the holes in the second frame member and engaging the second frame member upon operation of the lever to move the second frame member toward the first frame member~~, the first and second frame members each having an arm, ~~[[the]]~~ each arm having a plurality of rollers moveable into engagement with the wheel assembly when the first and second frame members are contracted, a locking member ~~having an upright pin extending through aligned holes in the first and second frame members operable to lock the position of the frame assembly, the locking member moveable in an upward direction when the lever is operated to contract the frame assembly, the locking member the pin engaging a flange between the longitudinally spaced holes in the second frame member whereby the pin is moved in an upward direction when the second frame member is moved toward the first frame member, the pin moveable in a downward direction through a following hole in the second frame member to relock the position of the first and second frame members upon completion of the contraction movement when the following hole is moved into alignment with the pin.~~

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 including: a plurality of caster wheel assemblies connected to the frame assembly for supporting the frame assembly on a surface.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the lever is a foot pedal lever.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the frame member assembly is a generally U-shaped frame adapted to be positioned adjacent opposite sides of the wheel assembly.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the first and second frame members are generally linear frame members having outer ends attached to outwardly directed arms.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the first frame member is a tubular rectangular shaped driving member, the second frame member being a tubular rectangular sliding member telescopically received by the first member to allow contraction and expansion of the frame assembly as desired.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 including: means located between the telescoping surfaces of the first and second frame members to reduce friction between the first and second frame members.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7 wherein: the means located between the telescoping surfaces of the first and second frame members to reduce friction between the first and second frame members is one or more spring members.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: each arm has a roller assembly, the roller assembly having a pair of rollers rotatably mounted on the roller assembly whereby the rollers rotate relative to the outer surface of the wheel assembly when the first and second frame members are contracted to raise the wheel assembly.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein: the roller assembly is mounted on an inwardly and upwardly inclined bracket whereby one of the rollers is located inwardly and downwardly from the arm and the other roller is positioned upwardly and in general vertical alignment with the arm.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein: the roller assembly is pivotally mounted to an inwardly and upwardly inclined bracket ~~whereby the roller assembly is self adapting to the shape of the outer surface of the wheel assembly.~~

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: ~~the locking member is a pin the pin is~~ accommodated by an upwardly projecting sleeve surrounding the hole in the first frame member, the pin having a tab member, the top of the sleeve having a downwardly extending slot open to the top of the sleeve, the tab member accommodated by the slot when the pin is in the lock position.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 including: a pivotally mounted blocking member connected to the first frame member, the blocking member moveable between first and second positions to engage and disengage the lever.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Amended) An apparatus for maneuvering a motor vehicle in a confined space, the vehicle having one or more wheel assemblies, the apparatus comprising: a generally U-shaped frame ~~member assembly~~ adapted to be positioned adjacent opposite sides of the wheel assembly, the frame ~~member assembly~~ having generally linear first and second frame members, each frame member having an outer end attached to an outwardly directed arm, the second frame member having a rectangular shaped inner end telescopically received by a rectangular shaped inner end in the first frame member, each arm having a pivotally mounted roller assembly, the roller assembly having a pair of rollers rotatably mounted on the roller assembly, a lever connected to the ~~frame member operable to contract and expand the first and second frame members~~ the first frame member, the lever having a lower end pivotally connected to a plate member, the plate member having one or more fingers engaging the second frame member upon

~~operation of the lever to move the second frame member toward the first frame member, the~~
rollers moveable into engagement with and rotatable relative to an outer surface of the wheel
assembly when the first and second frame members are contracted to raise the wheel assembly,
each roller assembly being mounted on an inwardly and upwardly inclined bracket whereby one
of the rollers is located inwardly and downwardly from the arm and the other roller is positioned
upwardly and in general vertical alignment with the arm, the second frame member having a
plurality of equally spaced holes open to the top surface of the second frame member, the first
frame member having an opening aligned with one of the holes in the second frame member, ~~the~~
~~locking member a pin~~ extending through the opening and aligned hole to lock the position of the
first and second frame members relative to one another, ~~the second frame member moveable into~~
~~the first frame member pin engaging a flange located between the holes in the second frame~~
~~member whereby the pin is moved in an upward direction when the second frame member is~~
~~moved toward the first frame member~~ thereby forcing the ~~locking member pin~~ out of the aligned
hole to allow further contraction of the first and second frame members, the ~~locking member pin~~
moveable ~~downwardly~~ into an adjacent hole located immediately inwardly from the aligned hole
when the ~~first and second frame members are further contracted~~ ~~the adjacent hole is moved into~~
~~vertical alignment with the pin~~ to relock the position of the first and second frame members, ~~and~~
~~a blocking member pivotally connected to the first frame member, the blocking member~~
~~moveable between first and second positions to engage and disengage the lever.~~

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 16 including: means located between the
telescoping surfaces of the first and second frame members to reduce friction between the first
and second frame members.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein: the means located between the
telescoping surfaces of the first and second frame members to reduce friction between the first

and second frame members is one or more spring members.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 16 wherein: the ~~locking member is~~
~~a pin~~ ~~pin~~ is accommodated by an upwardly projecting sleeve surrounding the opening in the first
frame member, the pin having a tab member, the top of the sleeve having a downwardly
extending slot open to the top of the sleeve, the tab member accommodated by the slot when the
pin is in the lock position.

Cancel Claims 12, 15 and 19 without prejudice.